

MYSTERY IN THEFT OF 50 GALLONS OF LIQUOR

Stolen From Office of Mayor, Who Is Free of Blame.

[Special to The Times-Dispatch.]
DANVILLE, VA., Dec. 17.—Advises received here from the town of Stuart brought word of a sensational development there following the mysterious theft of fifty gallons of liquor, which, several weeks ago, was placed in the office of Mayor F. P. Burton and, on the following day, was found to have been stolen.

Judge Turner Clement, in convening the Patrick County Circuit Court, charged grand jury with a full investigation of the liquor theft, asserting that he had read of the occurrence in the papers and that in justice to the Mayor and other officers who have access to the Mayor's office, the matter should be probed.

The grand jury returned an indictment against Mayor Burton and others, charging them with the theft of the spirits. Hunter Eanes, being charged with the actual theft. Upon presentation of the two officials appeared in court and demanded trial. They elected to place their case before the court and not a jury. Two witnesses were sworn against Burton and Phillips, but could offer nothing more than hearsay evidence. Judge Clement, after hearing them, declined to listen to any defense evidence and threw the cases out of court. Eanes' case was set for January.

MAYOR SEEKS AUTO OFFERED BY CARNIVAL

HOPEWELL, VA., Dec. 17.—Following a two-day trial during which time charges were brought by Mayor Elder against J. C. Roberts, of the carnival company, which staged a parade here for the Hopewell Rifles, that the show company failed to carry out its contract in awarding an automobile to the person holding the lucky number, the jury announced last yesterday afternoon that an agreement was impossible. Mayor Elder claims that he was the winner of the automobile, but the company failed to deliver the car, following the agreement that "an automobile valued at \$500 would be given to the person holding the lucky number." Mayor Elder's number was the first drawn. Just what the company will take place, is not known, but in the meantime the company is still in Hopewell, the authorities having the car under lock and key due to the fact that the sergeant levied on them.

CITY POINT TOWNSHIP ENDS CHURCH CENSUS

HOPEWELL, VA., Dec. 17.—The church census recently taken in City Point township, ending 251 people in the township who did not belong to any church at all, while 129 attended services regularly. There are 255 persons belonging to churches as follows: Methodist, 82; Episcopal, 30; Baptist, 32; Presbyterian, 23; Catholic, 22; Hebrew, 12; Lutheran, 13; Disciples, 5; Congregationalists, 2; Dunkards, 2; Christian Science, 1. Out of the 129 attending services regularly 47 are Methodists. Attending the Methodist Sunday, 75; Episcopal, 29, and others, 25. One hundred and seventy homes were visited by the census-takers and seven families refused to give any information.

CIVIL SUIT IN PROGRESS AGAINST CARNIVAL

[Special to The Times-Dispatch.]
HOPEWELL, VA., Dec. 17.—The civil case against J. C. Roberts, manager of a carnival company, which ran on the Mardi Gras here several weeks ago, started in the Corporation Court Saturday afternoon, and will probably not be finished until Monday. The case against Roberts was brought by Mayor Elder, who seeks to force the carnival company to give away an automobile as advertised during the Mardi Gras, and establish his rights to the car. The company has been detained here due to the suit, and the paraphernalia has also been confiscated until the outcome of the trial.

INSURANCE MAN FINED FOR ATTACK

DANVILLE, VA., Dec. 17.—Water P. Butler, local life insurance agent, was fined \$10 this morning for an assault on Charles H. Gunter, also in the insurance business. The evidence was in conflict. Gunter alleged that he entered the office building where he has quarters, found Butler, and questioned him about a commission and then struck the man down.

It was in evidence that a Civil Court matter was responsible for the affair. Gunter has been here for about fourteen months and is one of a handful of the "Princess Pats," who came through the first battle on the Ypres salient.

Paul Warrs Householders. Lawrence Paul, chief of the Bureau of Weights and Measures, who says he has been "keeping his eyes" on the situation, urges citizens who are searching for fuel to be careful about purchasing wood from itinerant peddlers. In explaining this warning, Mr. Paul says the "loads" offered by the itinerants do not represent any particular measurement and cannot be sold as cords or half-cords, but must be simply accepted as "loads." In view of scarcity of fuel, both wood and coal, Mr. Paul says he does not undertake to advise citizens against patronizing the itinerant, for fuel must be obtained. He further says that whenever a wagon bears a tag with the legend, "Standard approved," it has passed the eagle eyes of the men in his department, and the measure can be relied upon.

Labourers Gain in Australia. MELBOURNE, AUSTRALIA, Dec. 17.—A feature of the general elections has been the strong labor movement throughout the country, but the actual results cannot be known at present owing to the incompleteness of the count and the need to await allotment of the various preferences. The Premier, Hughes, who is leader of the Nationalist party, is safe, some of his ministers and prominent lieutenants are in danger of defeat.

SAVANNAH POLICE SEIZE 3 PRISONERS

[By Associated Press.]
SAVANNAH, GA., Dec. 17.—J. W. Hudson, alias J. W. Stansell, and Carl Frederickson, and a woman claiming to be the former's wife, have been arrested here and are being held for the police of Kansas City, Mo. According to reports received by the local police from the police of Kansas City, Hudson, alias Stansell, is wanted at the latter place to answer ten charges of highway robbery, and two charges of murder, and the police at the latter place also claim that they have sufficient evidence to connect Frederickson with these crimes.

MAROON BASKETBALL MEN INEXPERIENCED

[Special to The Times-Dispatch.]
SALISBURY, VA., Dec. 17.—Under the direction of Coach Spruhan, the candidates for the varsity basketball team of Roanoke College have been going through daily practices for the past week. The practice prior to the game was held in the gymnasium, and the practice was being confined largely to passing, shooting, light floor work, and signals. The material as a whole is more inexperienced in the fine points of the game than Roanoke has had for a number of years. On the other hand, it has unusual potential ability and many of the candidates have fine records on secondary school teams. Captain Woods and McElhiney, the only letter men from last year's quint, who are in college, are almost sure of berths at guard and forward. Peery, Roller and Underwood, who performed well during last season, are showing up well thus far. Among the outstanding freshman candidates are "Hunk" Hurt, former captain of Salem High team; Francis Davies, of Waverland, and High-Priest Bassinger, of Williamsburg. The latter is a former captain and star of the team at High School of Princeton, N. Y. High, and S. C. High, captain of Greenville, S. C. High. Miller was the unanimous choice for guard on the All-Star South Carolina High and Preparatory School team.

CAMP EUSTIS QUINT READY FOR SEASON

[Special to The Times-Dispatch.]
CAMP EUSTIS, VA., Dec. 17.—The regimental basketball team, the 34th Infantry, is now ready to book games with outside teams, particularly schools or established athletic clubs throughout this area of Virginia. They have as strong a basketball team as there is in this section. The squad has been reduced to fifteen men, including four officers, all ex-college stars. The team is being coached by Lieutenant Edward Herndon, who played for years on the well-known Rochester, N. Y. team.

Six men on the squad are veterans from last year—Herndon, Culp, Musset, French, Vernon and Chula. In addition the team has been considerably strengthened by the addition of Cummings, Shenandoah, Levy, Brown, Forney and Dean. The first game will be played tonight against the strong Artillery team. Lieutenant Herndon says that the team is in good shape and ready for the season. The lineup to start the first game probably be, Herndon, center; Chula at forwards; Musset, center; Culp and Cummings, guards. Any team named in this column should correspond with William H. Fleming, athletic officer, 34th Infantry, Camp Eustis.

REPORT PITT AFTER LAFAYETTE COACH

PITTSBURGH, Dec. 17.—The athletic council of the University of Pittsburgh indicates that Dr. John R. Sutherland, of Lafayette College, may be successor to Allen Warner as football coach at Pitt. Warner is under contract to take charge of football at Leland Stanford University on October 1, 1924. A statement issued by the athletic council said that the question of Warner's successor was under consideration and that at present Sutherland seemed to be first choice.

CHICAGO IS AWARDED PRO GOLF CONTEST

[By Associated Press.]
CHICAGO, Dec. 17.—The Western elimination contest for professional golfers preparatory to the next national open championship will be held in Chicago at a club yet to be named. Alec Pierie, Illinois Professional Golf Association, announced today. Pierie said he was delegated to obtain a course for the elimination match, for this section, which extends west from Pittsburgh, Pa. The sectional meet will precede the national open by one week.

HAUGHTON IS THOUGH WITH GRIDIRON WORK

[By Associated Press.]
NEW HAVEN, CONN., Dec. 17.—Percy D. Haughton, former Harvard mentor is through with football for good. Denying published reports that he recently had discussed with members of the Columbia football committee the possibility of his reentrance into the football world by way of Southern, after an absence of seven years, Mr. Haughton today said he wanted it to go on record that he was in the banking business now.

CUBS ACQUIRE HURLER, BUT GIVE UP QUINTET

[By Associated Press.]
CHICAGO, Dec. 17.—President Veck, of the Chicago Cubs, tonight announced the purchase from the Los Angeles Coast League Club of Nick Dumovich, 21-year-old left-handed pitcher, who won twenty games last season. The Cubs will give in exchange five players and a sum of money, how much Mr. Veck declined to say. The five players will include a pitcher, first baseman, third baseman and two outfielders.

Clymer Baltimore Scout. BALTIMORE, Dec. 17.—Bill Clymer, last year manager of the Newark Internationals, has been signed by the Baltimore club of that league as coach and scout. Manager Jack Dunn, of the Orioles, announced today.

GOOD TOBACCO SALES MAKE BRISK BUSINESS

New Canton Warehouse Liberally Patronized by Growers of Large Area.

[Special to The Times-Dispatch.]
NEW CANTON, Dec. 17.—The New Canton tobacco warehouse, receiving for the Tobacco Growers' Co-operative Association, is now receiving tobacco in considerable quantities, and is dispensing checks which appear to be highly satisfactory to the growers. The first of three payment checks would indicate very high prices for this season. Lots of tobacco of good leaf and wrapper grade are getting first advances of from \$12 to \$16.

There is a fine crop of tobacco in this section, and the warehouse here fills a long-felt want. John D. Watkins, formerly of Farmville, is graduate of Edward Watkins, is head bookkeeper, and R. H. Hudgins and Howard Cole, managers.

The entire section contiguous to this market, covering areas of Buckingham, Fluvanna and Cumberland counties, is almost solidly in the association, with practically no disaffection anywhere. At Dillwyn there is very strong rivalry between the co-operative and the auctioneers. From reports received here, the auctioneers are present receiving the larger quantity of tobacco. At the auction warehouse prices are ranging very high—some crops bringing from \$20 to \$40. Growers appear to be eminently satisfied. Owing to the fact that there is a tremendous tobacco crop banking in the hands of this section and with every indication of high prices throughout the selling season, business of all kinds is brisk, with money fairly plentiful and an intensive Christmas buying. In spite of wet and muddy weather, automobile dealers report many sales. Indications of a demand surpassing anything ever known in the past for early next spring.

GOLF TAKES PLACE IN COLLEGE SPORT

MANHATTAN, KAN., Dec. 17.—The addition of golf to the list of intercollegiate athletic events at the Kansas State Agricultural College has been announced by M. F. Ahearn, athletic director, who will coach the golfers. Golf has been recognized as an intercollegiate sport in the Missouri Valley Conference only a short time. It has gained a firm foothold. Five of the conference schools—Drake, Nebraska, Grinnell, Oklahoma and Kansas, sent teams to the tournament held in connection with the conference track meet at Lawrence last spring. Iowa State College, Missouri and Washington, are expected to send four teams to the 1924 conference tourney.

CONTI IS CHALLENGED BY YOUNG FRENCHMAN

[By Associated Press.]
PARIS, Dec. 17.—Roger Conti's claim to the championship of France at 132 pounds in billiards was seriously challenged last night when Grange, who is listed as number two in the French records, made an average of 41.3 in a 6,000 point match against Conti. The score was 235. Derbiers' record includes a defeat of Conti just prior to Conti's departure for the United States. Grange is only 21 years old, and has learned to play billiards since the war.

CHICAGO GRID STAR HURT IN AUTO CRASH

[By Associated Press.]
DETROIT, Dec. 17.—Bernard Kirk, star end of the University of Chicago's football team, was seriously injured today when an automobile in which he was riding near Ypsilanti crashed into a telephone pole. He was removed to a Ypsilanti hospital, where it was reported tonight he was still unconscious. Fear was expressed for his recovery. Eddie Usher, former Iowa State football player and captain of the Michigan baseball team in 1921, who was in the automobile with Kirk, escaped injury.

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PROTEST OPENING OF THEATERS SUNDAY

[By Associated Press.]
NEW YORK, Dec. 17.—The Lord's Day Alliance, in a statement issued today over the signature of H. L. Bowditch, general secretary, voiced strong protest against plans for opening theaters along Broadway on New Year's Eve, as a violation of Sabbath statutes. The statement characterized as "camouflage," an announcement that the performances would be given for the benefit of the Actors' Fund of America.

HIGHWAY COMMISSION HAS USED ALL FUNDS

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FREDERICKSBURG, VA., Dec. 17.—The Spotsylvania Construction Company was the successful bidder for the construction of the 9.9 miles of concrete roadway between Fredericksburg and Spotsylvania Court House on the Richmond-Washington Highway, bids for which were opened Thursday. Their figure was \$286,127.78. The plans specify a concrete roadway eighteen feet wide with a depth of eight inches in the center, tapering to six inches on each side. In addition to the contract for the roadway, bids were received at the same time for the building of two bridges over streams on this route. The low bidder being the Pittsburgh-Des Moines Steel Company, of Pittsburgh, Pa., whose bid was \$11,557.04. A concrete bridge with a thirty-foot clear span will be put over Massanutten Creek and a forty-foot concrete bridge over the N. Y. River (Gayle's Run). The contracts received on Thursday total \$300,000. The funds of the 1922 tax funds collected in December, and the balance of the Federal aid. According to the Highway Commission, no money except that received under the Robertson act will be available to place contracts until late next spring, unless a special session of the Legislature is called and additional funds provided.

BLUE RIDGE CLUB TO HAVE NEW HOME

[Special to The Times-Dispatch.]
CHARLOTTESVILLE, VA., Dec. 17.—The Blue Ridge Club, composed of members prominent in the social life of the city, county and nearby city, recently purchased the old Dabney property, on East Market Street, and the board of directors has awarded a local lumber company the contract for making extensive alterations and additions to the home, at an approximate cost of \$15,000. The original portion of the main structure will be preserved, except for such treatment as will be necessary to make it conform to the general appearance of the entire building. Hardwood floors will be put in and hot water heat and modern plumbing installed. The ground floor will be converted into two large rooms. The second floor will have a small auditorium, library, reading-room, two dressing-rooms and a kitchenette. On the third floor will be two three-room and bath apartments.

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ACCOMAC, COURTHOUSE, Dec. 17.—Adding to the list of incidents of near Parkley, under three indictments for violating the liquor laws, this week reported to the court, Judge N. B. W. Scott, of Accomac County, and paid \$2,500 in cash on account of the defendant leaving the State. This was the amount of the bond they had given for his appearance for December 18. Somers was indicted at the present term of court, and his case had been set for trial this week. When he did not appear the bond was declared forfeit, and his bondsmen, Benjamin F. Parks and William J. Somers delivered the money to the court. It is understood that Somers carried this money to the home of his father, and he is now in jail for several months. The county authorities stated that the county was \$2,500 to the good by the transaction, and that it had been saved the expense of giving Somers a trial and keeping him in jail for several months.

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TOBACCO GROWERS HOLD MEETINGS THIS WEEK

Co-Operative Association Members Will Be Addressed by Several Speakers.

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CURRIEVILLE, VA., Dec. 17.—Members of the Tobacco Growers' Co-operative Association in twenty-one counties of the Virginia tobacco belt will gather at one or more points in each county the coming week for their Christmas celebration of a successful year. Director W. H. West, Hon. E. T. Bonduant and District Agent F. S. Farror will address the respective audiences on Monday. Tuesday meetings will be held at Emporia, in Greensville County; Axton and Ridgeway, in Henry County; and Red Bank and Critz, in Patrick County. On Wednesday, the day on which receiving stations of the association close for the holidays, meetings are scheduled for a number of markets, including Martinsville, Rocky Mount, Brookneal, Burkeville, Blackstone and Rice. Twenty-five meetings held over the heavy producing bright belt during the last four days have been well attended, considering the inclement weather and the desire of growers to deliver another batch of tobacco before the 20th.

Director W. R. West, himself a member of the board of directors, told an enthusiastic group of organized growers at Emporia today that officials of the Co-operative are doing everything in their power to encourage the organization and maintenance of county and local units of the association.

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THREE MEN BURNED TO DEATH IN COTTAGE

[By Associated Press.]
AKRON, OH., Dec. 17.—Three men were burned to death and four others were injured, one probably fatally, early today, when a fire destroyed a cottage in which they were sleeping at Little Wadsworth, near here. The dead and injured lived at Massillon, where three of the men were attorneys. The dead are Harold Howard, 52, city engineer of Massillon; Frank Wagner, 50, foreman machinist; Leroy Hodgson, 23, truck driver; and George W. Williams, 23, Massillon attorney and former city solicitor for two terms, was the most seriously injured. He is in a Pittsburgh hospital, suffering from burns about the face and body, but physicians say his chances for recovery are good. The fire, which broke out between 2 and 3 o'clock this morning, also destroyed two adjoining cottages.

CHILD IS SCALDED TO DEATH IN WATER

[Special to The Times-Dispatch.]
FREDERICKSBURG, VA., Dec. 17.—Milton Surles, 2-year-old son of Mrs. George Cleveland Surles, was scalded to death yesterday at his home in Spotsylvania County. The child fell in a large pot of boiling water while Mrs. Surles was sent from the kitchen for a few moments. She stepped into the rear yard to empty some milk and when she returned she heard the screams of the boy. After first-aid was administered the child was removed to the Mary Washington Hospital here, but after a few hours, died. The father, G. C. Surles, died a month ago. Surviving the child besides his widowed mother, are four little brothers and sisters.

WOMAN ASKS FOR ABSOLUTE DIVORCE

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FREDERICKSBURG, VA., Dec. 17.—A suit for an absolute divorce was instituted in the Corporation Court of this city yesterday by Mrs. Susie B. Williams, of Eastville, Northampton County, Va., from her husband, Leroy D. Williams. The divorce is used for on the grounds of willful desertion and abandonment. The bill asks for the custody of the only child by the union, 3-year-old Edna, by the mother, and does not request alimony or counsel fees. The couple was married on January 20, 1917, in Princess Anne County, Md., and moved to Fredericksburg on June 15, 1919. On December 15, 1919, Mrs. Williams states, her husband ordered her to pack her belongings and with her baby leave him for good. Two years ago, in a trial, Williams was fined \$1,000 by Judge John T. Goodrich, in the Corporation Court of this city, and the money was directed by the court to be turned over to Mrs. Williams. The plaintiff was before the marriage court in the Eastern Shore of Virginia, where she has been living with her mother since the separation. She is 24 years old and quite pretty and attractive. Williams is said to be now residing in Hendersonville, N. C.

TREE OWNERS' CLAIMS WILL BE FOUGHT

[Special to The Times-Dispatch.]
WINCHESTER, VA., Dec. 17.—Directors of the Virginia State Horticultural Society, at a meeting in Roanoke on December 15, intend to counsel upon a policy of employing counsel to represent the organization in all cases where owners of red cedar trees claim damages for the trees, where they are removed by court order or provisions of the State cedar rust law. The society, at its annual convention in Charlottesville early this month, voiced its strong objection to cedar tree owners seeking to have a valuation placed on such trees that are ordered cut down. W. P. Massey, State secretary, said today the organization was not attempting to evade legitimate costs, but did object to paying owners for the cedars, holding that the timber was in demand for many purposes, and that those who have sold trees removed by court order had made a good profit. It has been reported in this section of the State that several persons have cultivated cedar trees in the hope of getting damages when they are cut down.

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